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ABDIE THE LITTLE AMBASSADOR

Young Moroccan crosses the Atlantic

ONE of the most excited new pupils in any school in the world is Abdie Lakfal, a curly-headed 13-year-old boy now in the first few weeks of his school term in the United States—at the famous St. Paul's Boys' School in New Hampshire.

The story of Abdie's arrival there from his home on the Atlantic coast of Morocco began last winter when an old boy of St. Paul's, Mr. Julius Holmes, stopped in Morocco, and asked the Moulay Hassan School in Casablanca to choose a boy to go to America.

Abdie, whose real name is Abdallah, was the chosen one, though the idea of a boy from a Moslem home going to an American school was rather startling. But his mother had to be persuaded first, and Abdie got round her by asking his older married brother to allow one of his small children to stay with her.

That was the first stage. The next was to tackle the English language. He could speak it fairly well but not quite up to the standard of St. Paul's School. Here the wife of the American Consul General came into the picture. Day after day she brought Abdie from his little home to the big house of the American official and there he played with her two small sons. Within a few days Abdie was shouting "Hi" with a good American accent.

Back to the footplate

When Sir Roy Welensky, Prime Minister of the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland, visited the Kenya Royal Agriculture Show, he drove there on the footplate of a powerful locomotive.

But this was no new experience, for at the age of 17 he was a fireman on the Rhodesian Railways, being promoted to engine-driver four years later.

Then his new friends had a look at Abdie's wardrobe. St. Paul's School is in a country where the snow comes down and remains for weeks. St. Paul's boys must have boots, big coats, and winter equipment. A good Samaritan from New Hampshire, on a visit to Casablanca, heard about Abdie, and on his return home he told the story to his Rotarian friends. They collected 500 dollars for his outfit. A Casablanca clerk sold her Volkswagen and gave a third of the cost to Abdie, and to crown the growing interest in Abdie's adventure, an American steamship line gave him a free berth.

Abdie's friends in Casablanca brought him up to date in all the little bits of information that American school boys are supposed to know—about George Washington's cherry tree, for instance, Paul Revere's ride—and the difference between ordinary ice-cream and a sundae.

At his school, where one of the sixth form boys took him in charge, Abdie soon became a great reader and the sight of all the books in the school library still fills him with an enormous zest to read every one. He is studying science, English, French, Latin, and mathematics, and in the meantime being a fine little ambassador for his country.

Dog's life for the elephant

Edward the elephant is a frequent visitor to Kabatoro, a village in the Queen Elizabeth National Park, Uganda. He has a liking for vegetables and finds the contents of the dustbins in the village—especially those of the Lake Edward Hotel—very much to his taste.

There was a time when Edward used to arrive only at night, but recently he has taken to doing his rounds in daylight, often ambling down the main street in the late afternoon.

Whenever this happens, he has to brave the attacks of Rosita, the Lake Edward Hotel's dachshund. She dashes out to worry him, making him grunt and swipe furiously at her with his trunk.

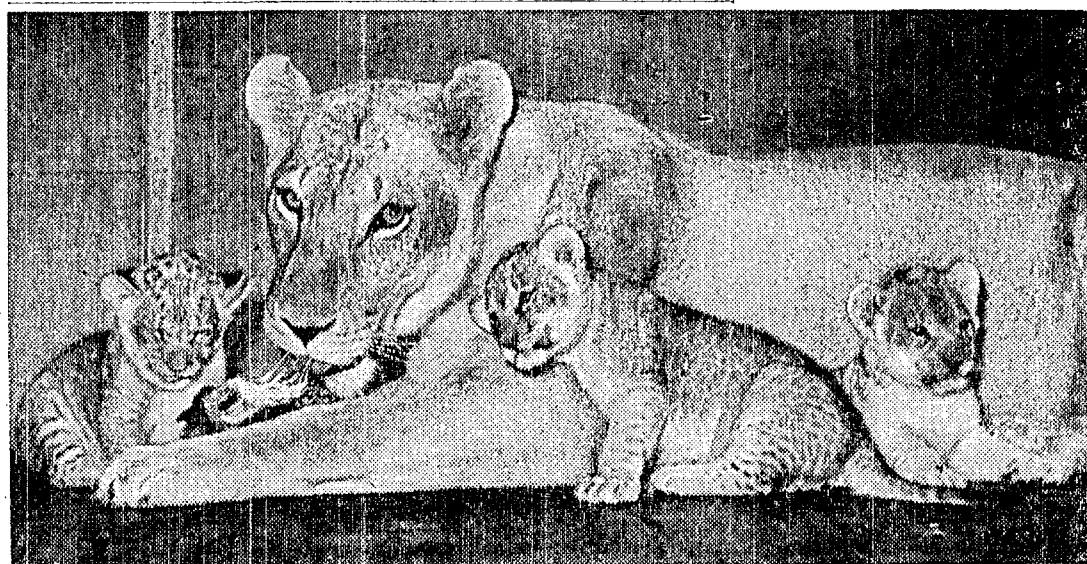
Rosita plays the game too well to be caught, however. She always manages to dodge the big feet of Edward, and goes on yelping at him from a dozen different directions in quick succession.

And the other day Edward got so agitated that he turned too quickly, slipped in a mud patch, and came down with a bone-shaking crash. It took him half-an-hour to get to his feet, while Rosita rushed around in triumph. Shaking his head sadly for several minutes, Edward finally wandered off, grunting all the way, a very shamefaced elephant.

The Queen Elizabeth National Park covers 700 square miles. It was named after the Queen when it was established about six years ago.

Lioness and little ones

This splendid portrait of a lioness and her cubs was taken at the Basle Zoo, Switzerland.



NEW SUIT FOR Mr MIKICK

In the little town of Osijek, Yugoslavia, Mr. Jozo Mikick came across a balloon which had been sent up in a competition from Heanor, in Derbyshire, more than 1000 miles away. A five-shilling reward was offered to the finder.

Now, Mr. Mikick had heard that in England the prices of things were much lower than in his own country so he wrote to Heanor, asking if he could be sent a suit instead of the five shillings. "I have been told you can get a very nice suit for five shillings in England," he added.

The organiser of the competition was puzzled; but two local people, who wish to remain anonymous, said they would buy Mr. Mikick a suit. So he is sending his measurements, and will get his suit.

OTHER PEOPLE'S WEATHER

The British are not the only people who continually grumble about their weather. Recently the London representative of the Swedish National Travel Association said: "The Swedes talk a little too much about their rainy summers. That is not very good, because Britons now believe there is more rain in Sweden than in Britain—which is completely wrong."

In other words, grumbling about the weather is bad for the tourist trade. It is worth remembering.

Go away—I'm busy

This little Carib girl munching sugar cane lives in Dominica, one of the Windward Islands. (See page 6.)

NEW ZOO FOR INDIA

The zoological gardens now being laid out in Delhi will be the biggest in Asia and will cost India about £1,000,000. They are to be opened next April, although it will be several years before they are complete.

Among the animals to be kept in the zoo will be many presented by other countries to India's President and Prime Minister. A special attraction will be an elephant which has been trained to dance.

London's wild life

Fascinating sidelights on the Natural History of London will be seen in an exhibition at the Royal Exchange from November 3 to 15. Among the objects on view will be dragon-flies, pictures of London's birds, a snake, and a collection of bomb-site flowers.

The exhibition has been arranged to mark the centenary of the London Natural History Society. Founded in 1858 in an East End public house, the Society now has well-organised groups devoted to the study of botany, birds, mammals, and insects, as well as nature conservation, geology, and archaeology.

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MESSAGE FROM BLACKPOOL

By the CN Political Correspondent

"To sum up: the right to earn; the right to own; the right to save; and the opportunity and encouragement to exercise these rights."

With these words the Prime Minister, Mr. Harold Macmillan, wound up the Conservative Party conference of some 4000 representatives at Blackpool.

Now the representatives are back home, ready for what may prove to be the last year of this Parliament. A General Election is expected within a year, so in the next 12 months we shall see all parties pushing their policies and, above all, trying to make them clear to the nation.

And clear their policies have to be. Several million young people have become 21 since the last election, and they will be entitled to their first vote in the next General Election. "Our accent is on youth," said the Premier.

Now if you read again the words at the beginning of this article you will see that the main topic was the whole vast range of everyday affairs summed up in the term *economics*. It covered the three basic needs of man—work, food, shelter.

SOMETHING LEFT OVER

People want a good, steady job under good conditions. Their pay must enable them to meet taxes and have something left over to save, buy insurance or otherwise provide for retirement pensions; to buy good food, clothes and other necessities at reasonable prices; and to make sure of a decent home at a rent or purchase price they can afford.

Mr. Iain Macleod, the Minister of Labour, told the conference that our economy is sounder than at any time since the war. Nevertheless, the number of people without jobs has risen from 1.2 to 2.2 per cent. of the working population in the past year and recently stood at 476,000.

This is below the level of 3 per cent. which economists mean by "full" employment. But the Government is anxious to reduce this figure, and recent changes in financial policy are intended to lower the rate of unemployment.

ENCOURAGING ACCOUNT

More remains to be done, and so all eyes at the conference were turned on Mr. Heathcoat Amory, the Chancellor of the Exchequer. Just back from the World Bank meetings in New Delhi, he also was able to give an encouraging account of our economy. The earnings of our exports this year have greatly exceeded the cost of imports. Our level of employment (the number of people at work) is still the envy of most industrial countries. We are buying more than ever at home, and savings are going up.

These are signs of health. But the more we can spend the more we can buy, and so the more people we can keep at work in making the goods we buy. How can we get more money except by an increase in wages? The answer is by reducing the taxes we pay and making some of our most important needs—such as houses—easier if not cheaper to buy.

Mr. Amory admitted the level of taxation is still "appreciable." But he put on a cheerful smile when he said the question of tax cuts might come up for discussion "with the flowers that bloom in the spring"—meaning that some taxes may be lowered in his April Budget.

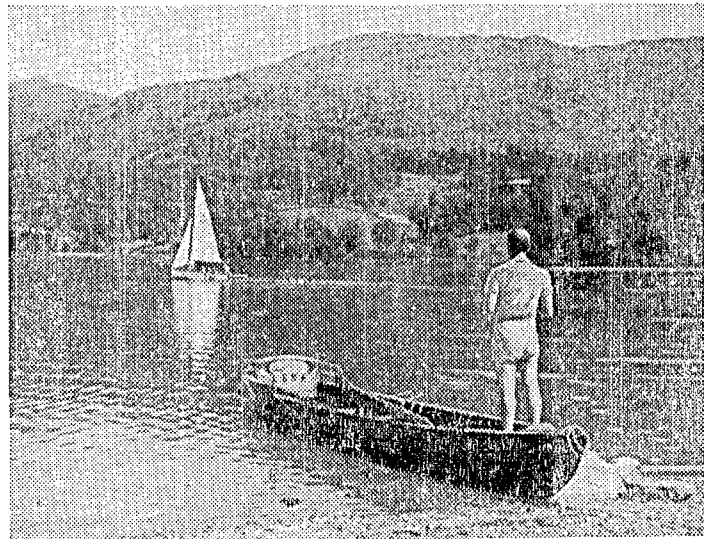
Mr. Henry Brooke, the Housing Minister, outlined a plan to make house-purchase easier—hence Mr. Macmillan's emphasis on what he called "the right to own." Mr. John Hare, the Agriculture Minister, promised special aid for small farmers who make their smallholdings more efficient.

FAIRER PENSIONS

A big State scheme to provide fairer and better retirement pensions is to be made law in the coming session of Parliament. This was outlined by the Pensions Minister, Mr. Boyd-Carpenter. Both contributions and pensions will be paid according to income, and not at a flat or fixed rate for everybody, whatever their pay.

"The key to success in the modern world is education," said Mr. Macmillan; and one of the best-received speeches at the conference was made by Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd, the Education Minister, who announced a new five-year plan for building more and better schools, especially for secondary education.

All in all, this conference at Blackpool reflected the Conservative Party's unbounded confidence in the future.



OUR HOMELAND

Tranquil scene on Grasmere in the Lake District

80,000 Miles into Space

America's second attempt to send a rocket to the Moon has ended in failure. But what a wonderful failure! The New York Times, in fact, called it "the most glorious, even successful, failure in scientific history."

The first Moon rocket, launched on August 17, exploded less than 80 seconds after leaving the base at Cape Canaveral, Florida. The second rocket, Pioneer, soared 80,000 miles into Space—about one third of the distance to the Moon—before falling back and burning up as it neared the Earth again.

Altogether, Pioneer was in flight for some 44 hours and throughout the journey its instruments constantly transmitted data about magnetic fields, temperature, radiation, and other information of the utmost value to scientists.

The next of the Lunar Probes, as the scientists call these attempts to reach out into Space, is due to be made next month. Each attempt costs about £3,000,000, but the target is the highest, literally, that has ever been aimed at. Only the other day one of the leading officials concerned said: "We have every confidence we shall eventually probe further into Space—even to Mars, Venus, and possibly to the Sun."

FOR A FRIEND OVERSEAS

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News from Everywhere

Holland's oldest inhabitant, Mrs. Karnebeek of Eibergen, has celebrated her 109th birthday.

Gift from Virginia



The statue of the Red Indian princess, Pocahontas, which the people of Virginia have presented to St. George's Chapel at Gravesend. Pocahontas died at Gravesend in 1617, while on a visit to England with her husband, John Rolfe, one of the first settlers in Virginia.

Captain G. D. Walker, D.S.C., Senior Master of the British Railways fleet, has just retired after 40 years' service on cross-Channel boats. He made nearly 35,000 crossings.

A new lighthouse, the first built in Ireland since 1916, has been opened on Inishtrahull Island, off the coast of County Donegal.

100-MILE RUN

At five o'clock on Saturday morning three men will set out on the Road Runners' Club 100-mile race from Hyde Park Corner, London, to Box, in Somerset. This is only the fourth time the race has been contested, the first one having been run in 1928. The record is 12 hours 20 minutes.

China is manufacturing its first cars, at Changchun, Manchuria. The production target for 1958 is 100 vehicles.

On Boys' Brigade Founder's Day, October 26, there will be special thanksgiving services throughout the country. The B.B. flag will fly on many civic buildings in honour of Sir William Smith, who formed the Brigade's first company in Glasgow 75 years ago.

THEY SAY . . .

Do your dreaming in bed, and not on the road.

The Mayor of Bridlington

Out and About

MANY wild creatures at this time, when cold weather is about to bring a shortage of food, seek sheltered winter quarters. They are then said to hibernate, though the degree and duration of this condition both vary widely. It means, for the hibernators, shelter from dangerously cold weather, and doing without food or drink until they rouse themselves again.

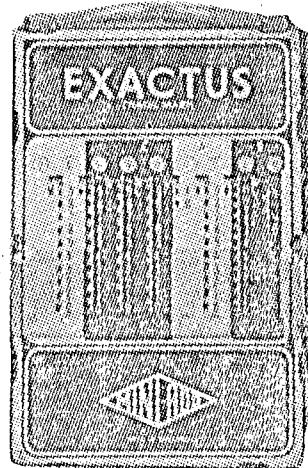
It is for this reason one finds very few frogs or toads about now. The frogs bury themselves in damp clay or under mud; the toads try to get a drier place to stay in.

Perhaps the disappearance of frogs and toads reminds our snakes that winter is on the way. They, too, are rarely to be seen

at this time. The only poisonous one, the adder, prefers to get under some thick and dry heather, often in company with others.

The most common, as well as the largest of our snakes, is the harmless grass, or ringed snake, which is a dull olive-green marked with lines of blackish spots, and a yellowish collar. It hunts in the water as well as on land, and is fond of frogs and toads. Grass snakes like to retire in quite a big company together, choosing some dry hollow underground or the cover of an undisturbed heap of twigs or brushwood. But in spring the females prefer manure heaps to lay their eggs in, because of the warmth they generate.

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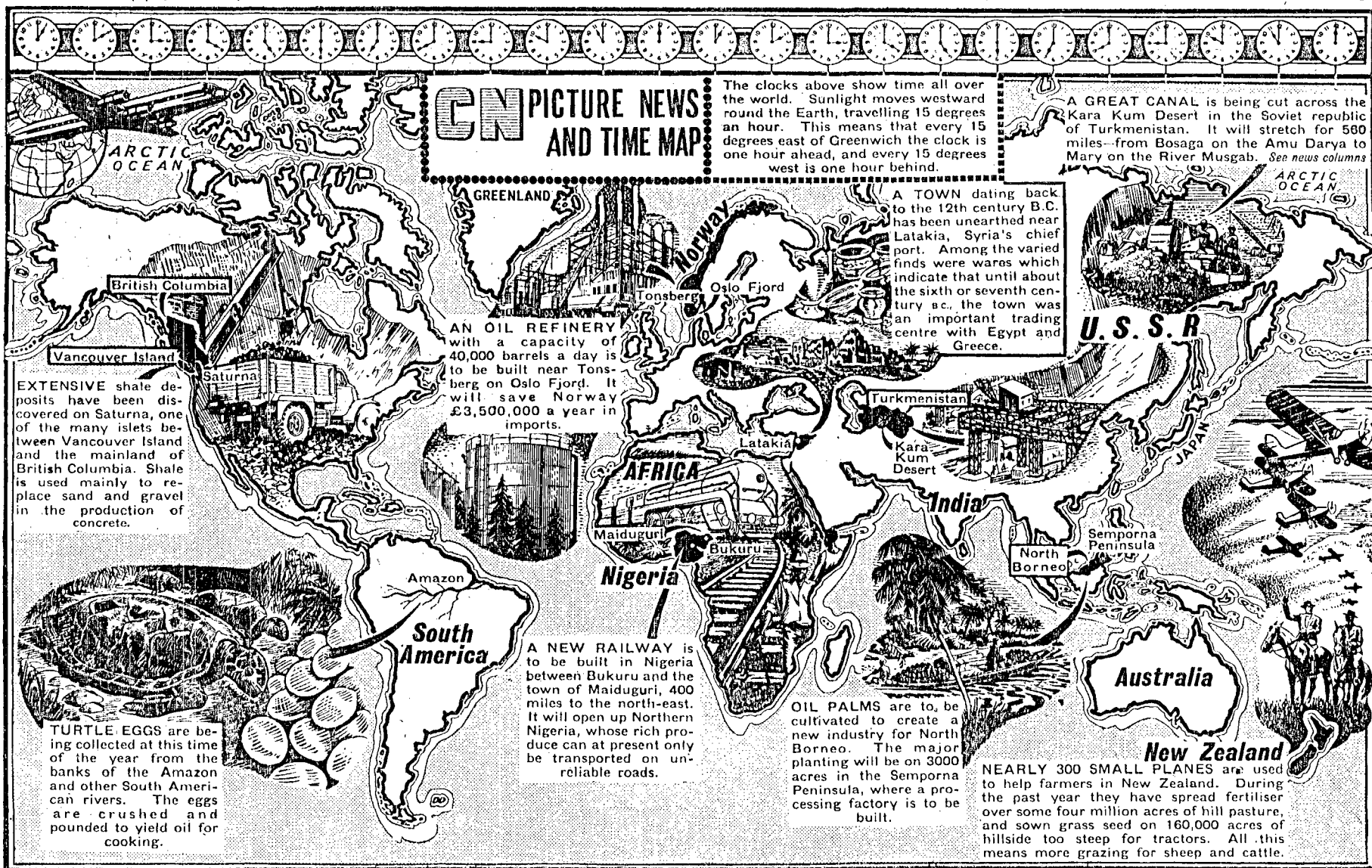
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For the trainer of their dogs

A man who has spent 25 years bringing light to people in darkness has retired from his labours. He is Captain N. Liakhoff, former Director of Training to the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association, who has been responsible for the training of over 1000 of these highly-skilled dogs.

As a mark of their gratitude to him, guide-dog owners recently arranged a luncheon in his honour, and 40 of them, led by their unerring escorts, travelled to London to attend it from many parts of the country.

They intend to present to Captain Liakhoff a replica of a guide dog in harness, bearing the inscription: Pro nobis tenebras vicit—For us he conquered darkness.

SPANISH CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL

A monument commemorating those who gave their lives while fighting on both sides in the Spanish Civil War now stands on a mountain overlooking Madrid.

It is in the form of a cross 450 feet high, visible from a great distance, with a big crypt below which was hewn out of the mountainside and is dominated by a life-size ivory figure of Christ. The monument took 16 years to build and is to be maintained by Benedictine monks.

During the war (1936-1939) more than a million people were killed.

QUICK RESULT

When the usual rains had failed to come to northern Uganda recently, 40 tribeswomen went to see the District Commissioner.

"Give us a bull to sacrifice to bring rain," they said. He did not grant the request, but instead sent his assistant to investigate the drought damage.

The next thing the District Commissioner heard was that his assistant had been cut off by torrential rain.

Rebel and the policeman from St Louis



Rebel and his handler, Joe Beil from St. Louis, Missouri, recently completed a course at the Police Dog Training School at West Wickham, Kent. This was the first course here to be attended by United States Police.

The past beneath our feet

Thanks to the good sense of workmen on a building site, parties of schoolboys have been spending much time seeking Roman remains in the Sussex village of West Tarring. It all began when workers laying a new drain were wise enough to tell the Worthing Museum that 'someone' had worked there before them. But who?

Boys of Worthing High School and the Technical High School, working under expert leadership, have carried out a series of excavations. They came upon a flint track 12 feet wide and six inches deep, with prehistoric pottery on the surface.

Elsewhere in Sussex, other young archaeologists have been equally busy. A storage jar of the 12th century was recently found at Lancing. Romano-British earthenware has lately come to light in Earltam and Findon. A Bronze Age urn was found at Storrington, and a Stone Age flint tool at Angmering.

These are but a few of the finds made in a single county in recent months.

But why so many? Archaeologists have no doubts about the answer; it is, they say, because, "there are more of us." The rising interest in archaeology, stimulated by television and the press, is leading to more and more treasures being brought to light.

WORLD'S LONGEST CANAL

A new canal which will be the world's longest is now being cut 560 miles through the Kara Kum Desert in Turkmenistan, a republic of the U.S.S.R.

Work on the canal began at Bosaga, on the Amu Darya, and nearly half the great waterway has been cut. It will eventually join the Musgab River at the town of Mary.

When complete, the canal will bring water to more than a million acres of desert land, thus providing great areas for the development of cotton plantations, orchards, and vineyards. It will also irrigate more than 12 million acres of pastureland.

See World Map

Saxon Norfolk

Light has been shed on a period of our history often known as the Dark Ages by the discovery during an excavation at Sedgeford, near King's Lynn, Norfolk, of skeletons and other relics belonging to Saxon England of the seventh and eighth centuries. The skeletons, ten of which were complete, lay in what was apparently a local burial ground, and were not the remains of people killed in battle.

Other finds included traces of wattle and daub huts, drainage gulleys, bone knife handles, bronze pins, a carved comb, and fragments of mid-Saxon pottery.

Airlift for family of swallows

Austrian Airlines recently came to the rescue of a family of swallows found in a hangar at Vienna airport after all the other swallows had flown southwards; the parent birds had four late-hatched young that had not learned to fly when the others left. So they were all taken by airliner to Rome, where in due course they could join the other swallows in the migration to warmer climes.

New Commodore



Captain G. H. G. Morris has recently been appointed Commodore of the Cunard fleet. He is seen here on the bridge of the Queen Elizabeth.

ERNEST THOMSON WRITES ABOUT RADIO AND TELEVISION PERSONALITIES AND PROGRAMMES

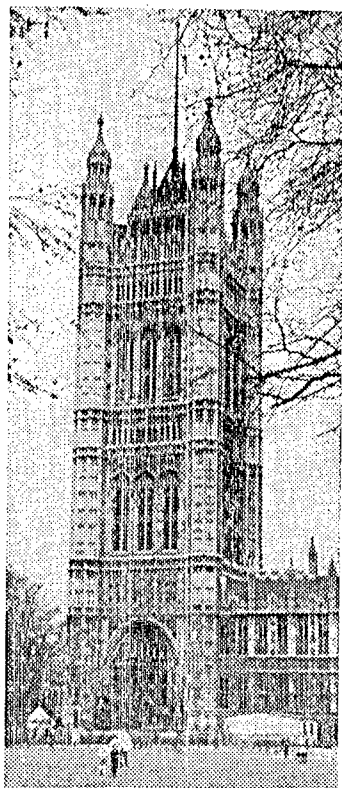
TELEVISION CAMERAS IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS

BROADCASTING history will be made next Tuesday, when radio microphones and television cameras will be set up in the Houses of Parliament at Westminster for the first time. Although British viewers saw tele-recordings last year of Queen Elizabeth II opening the Ottawa Parliament, never before have microphones or TV cameras been allowed inside either House of the "Mother of Parliaments."

Even now there is no question of broadcasting a debate. The occasion is the Queen's Speech from the Throne in the House of Lords. Members of the House of Commons are summoned to the Bar of the House of Lords to hear the Queen reading the speech which outlines the Government's programme for the coming session.

The BBC is responsible for the broadcast, both sound and vision, but the pictures are also being fed to Independent Television, who will be supplying a separate commentary.

A full TV rehearsal is being held in the House of Lords this Friday. The telerecording will then be carefully studied not only by BBC and ITV officials, but by a great number of foreign commentators who will be describing the event on the day itself for at least a dozen countries in the Eurovision network. They will be



The Victoria Tower

watching monitor sets in a special control room in Broadcasting House.

Words dreaded by announcers

MANY of us find that there are certain words we always stumble over when pronouncing them. Even radio announcers have their particular "scare" words. I have been talking about them to Philip Slessor, for many years a Light Programme announcer. He shudders, he told me, whenever the name Bridlington appears in his script. "I always find myself putting an extra 'iddle' in the middle," he said.

We had been sympathising with the news-reader who stumbled four times over the word "meteorological." Spoonerisms, too, are the bane of an announcer's life. One of the best was Stuart Hibberd's alleged announcement: "This programme is by the Bathroom Orchestra at Pump."

I told Philip Slessor of another announcer's slip-up. Reading the cricket scores, he said: "Smith 126, Jones 72, Brown—er—ill; I beg your pardon—111."

In the Chamber of the House of Lords Richard Dimbleby will give the commentary for BBC Television, Robin Day for ITV, and David Lloyd-James for sound radio. They will be sitting in specially-built sound-proof cubicles.

Altogether seven TV cameras will be in the House of Lords—one in the Victoria Tower to show the arrival of the Queen at the Royal Staircase, and three more in the Royal Gallery. Three in the Chamber itself will be camouflaged in doorways and galleries so as not to spoil the dignity and splendour of the Palace of Westminster.

The microphones, too, are being concealed. Charles Max-Muller, in charge of all the sound arrangements, told me the two microphones taking the Queen's Speech will be gilded to match the angels on either side of the Throne, and hidden behind their wings.

The Queen's Speech will be broadcast all over the world and repeated in telerecordings for the TV audiences at night. Copies will also be flown to the Commonwealth countries.

Radio and TV will also include the Royal procession from Buckingham Palace with its escort of Household Cavalry.

Arguments about the railways

TRAIN-SPOTTERS would have little to spot if Brigadier T. I. Lloyd had his way. Founder of the Railways Conversion League, he can be seen in BBC Television at the somewhat late hour of 10.15 p.m. next Friday in Lions' Den. He will be the "Daniel" facing up to a pride of lions in the shape of members of the Railway Correspondence and Travel Society. And the "den" will be the Finishing Shops of the Hunslet (Yorks) Engine Company.

The Brigadier will be fiercely challenged on his scheme for scrapping most of the country's railways and building roads over the tracks. He backs his arguments with a mass of facts and figures.

Eskimo family

NANOOK and his family—real Eskimos, not film actors—were the stars of Nanook of the North, the wonderful film documentary which is to be shown in BBC Children's TV on Sunday.

Made as long ago as 1922, by Robert J. Flaherty, it is recognised as the classic example of what a film documentary should be. In fact, all documentaries since then have been judged by the standard of Nanook. The film was silent, of course, but has now been given a fine commentary along with unusual music.

It tells of an Eskimo family's struggle for existence. The "stars" include walrus, seals, white foxes, salmon, and huskies.

Puppets in the Kingdom of Rubovia

GORDON MURRAY and his team in the BBC Puppet Workshop recently completed a set of marionettes, with scenery, for a new series of plays exploring the romantic Kingdom of Rubovia.

The first, Clocks and Blocks, comes to the screen in BBC Children's TV next Tuesday, though it was telerecorded some weeks ago. "Telerecording a puppet play always results in a better performance," Gordon Murray told me. "It helps to smooth out the snags and polish up the action. Little mistakes can be cut out and we can record the scene again."

You may think the most likeable character next Tuesday is



The Queen greets Pongo, her baby Dragon

Mr. Weatherspoon, who has to put up with the tantrums of the King and Queen, and her dragon.

Gordon Murray told me of an improved system. There are seven puppeteers working the models from above stage. Some of them now speak the lines, too.

Talking while actually working the puppets is rather difficult, so the words are first tape-recorded. The puppeteers, listening to their own voices, find it easy to match the action to the speech.

Story of St Teresa

WHAT is a saint? To help to answer the question two BBC film men recently flew to Spain to film in and around Avila, where St. Teresa founded a convent in 1562. They joined Christopher Mayhew and the Rev. Peter Hamilton, Religious Broadcasting Director for the North Region, who is to produce a TV programme on St. Teresa's life.



Mr. Weatherspoon, the Royal Gardener

SOUNDS YOU CANNOT HEAR

ARTHUR GARRATT, who won such a following with his scientific tests in Studio E, is back in BBC Children's TV on Friday with a new series called Experiment. The sub-title is The Silent Force, and the theme is Ultrasonics, the sounds which are so high-pitched

that we are unable to hear them.

Today, as Arthur Garratt will show, science can harness this energy to perform unexpected tasks, such as drilling glass, soldering aluminium, detecting cracks in aircraft parts, and cleaning watches.



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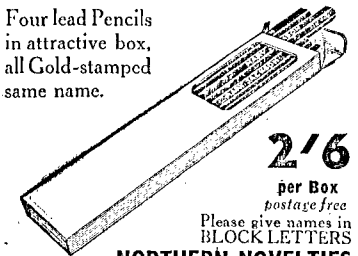
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NEW FILMS

YOUNG LADD IS A GOOD ACTOR

The Proud Rebel is a long, worthwhile Western which stars Alan Ladd and Olivia de Havilland. But it has a special interest for CN readers, because it introduces a young actor who brilliantly plays a difficult role as a boy who has been stricken dumb after seeing his mother killed during the American Civil War.

THE boy is David Ladd, the eleven-year-old son of the famous star, and he is a natural actor. When Miss de Havilland was in London recently she told me that David is also one of the

and is set in the sheep-rearing districts of America.

In the picture Alan Ladd has lost his home and his money through the war and he is wandering the land looking for a doctor who can cure his son. He gets work on a farm run by Olivia de Havilland, who is up against the local bad man, a bullying sheep farmer who wants to claim Olivia's land. There is a lot of excitement in Alan's clashes with farmer Dean Jagger and his sons.

When Alan Ladd hears of a doctor who might be able to cure his son, he has to sell the boys' pet sheep-dog to get enough money for the operation.

This upsets young David terribly, and Alan realises that he must get the dog back. But it is now owned by Alan's enemy, the sheep farmer. All appeals to the farmer's better nature fail—and there is a gun fight.

The Proud Rebel is an exciting picture. Alan Ladd makes a stalwart hero and Olivia de Havilland a really beautiful heroine. But the main interest is undoubtedly little David Ladd's performance.

He is one of the best juvenile stars Hollywood has ever produced, and if he chooses to continue should have a fine career ahead of him.



Young David Ladd and his dog in a scene from *The Proud Rebel*

nicest boys she has ever met.

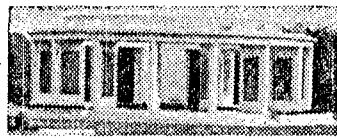
She told how, when they were filming on location in Utah, he invited her to join him in a trout-fishing expedition, which he arranged himself, even to the licences and rods. "He called for me in a car driven by his father's chauffeur," said Miss de Havilland, "escorted me to the car, rented a boat for us, and volunteered to bait my hook. He was so apologetic when he caught two fish and I just missed one. He assured me that the one I had missed was the biggest in the lake—just to make me feel better!"

ALLOWANCE FROM SALARY

David paid for this trip out of his 15 shillings a week pocket money and the half-crown a day he was allowed out of his large film salary. The trainer of the sheepdog in *The Proud Rebel* said that "David must be a good kid or my dogs wouldn't have taken to him so well." He is a good student at school, and when he knew he had to play a dumb boy he insisted on learning sign language, to be proficient in the part.

David Ladd's charm and intelligence shine through *The Proud Rebel*, which is in superb colour

Memorial to heroes



This photograph shows the impressive war memorial at Brookwood Military Cemetery, Surrey, which is to be unveiled by the Queen on October 25. It commemorates 3500 men and women of the Commonwealth Land Forces who lost their lives in the war and have no known grave, and whose names are not on any existing memorial of the same kind.

Many of them died at sea in raids carried out from Britain on enemy occupied coasts, such as the raids on Norwegian islands, Dieppe, and St. Nazaire. Others sacrificed their lives in the Norway Campaign of 1940. Some were special agents, or were working with Allied underground resistance movements in Europe.

Designed by Mr. Ralph Hobday, the memorial is a circular colonnade, open to the sky. It will be surrounded by grassy walks bounded by curved yew hedges, and beautiful shrubs and flowers.

Learning at the Zoo

London Zoo's extended Educational Scheme has just opened with a lecture on Flying Animals, given by Mr. D. G. Lambert, the Society's Educational Officer.

It was in the first of three series of lectures. One series is for G.C.E. pupils at the advanced level, the second for G.C.E. Ordinary level, and the third is an introductory course for those between the ages of 11 and 13.

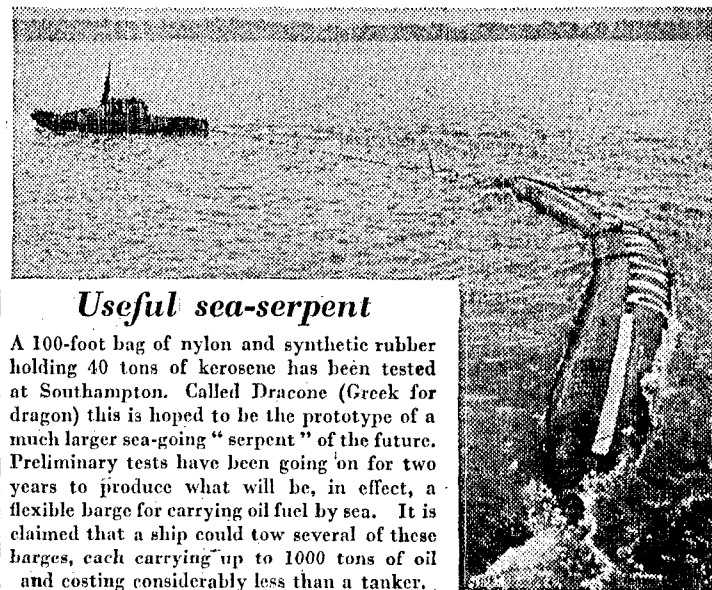
The lectures last from 30 to 45 minutes, illustrated by coloured slides, and the subjects for the next two terms include Animal Coloration and Patterns, Birds and Bird Flight, Defensive Mechanisms in Animals, British Animals, Animal Locomotion, and Wild Life in East Africa.

It is estimated that over 20,000 children will attend these lectures during the next six months.

CRAVEN HILL.

CALL IT A DAY

Fourteen-year-old Jimmy Elliot was setting off on his paper round in East Cowes, Isle of Wight, when he heard cries for help coming from the jetty. Jimmy dived in and rescued a woman. Then, after changing and delivering his papers, Jimmy went fishing and caught a 5½-foot conger eel.



Useful sea-serpent

A 100-foot bag of nylon and synthetic rubber holding 40 tons of kerosene has been tested at Southampton. Called Dracone (Greek for dragon) this is hoped to be the prototype of a much larger sea-going "serpent" of the future. Preliminary tests have been going on for two years to produce what will be, in effect, a flexible barge for carrying oil fuel by sea. It is claimed that a ship could tow several of these barges, each carrying up to 1000 tons of oil and costing considerably less than a tanker.

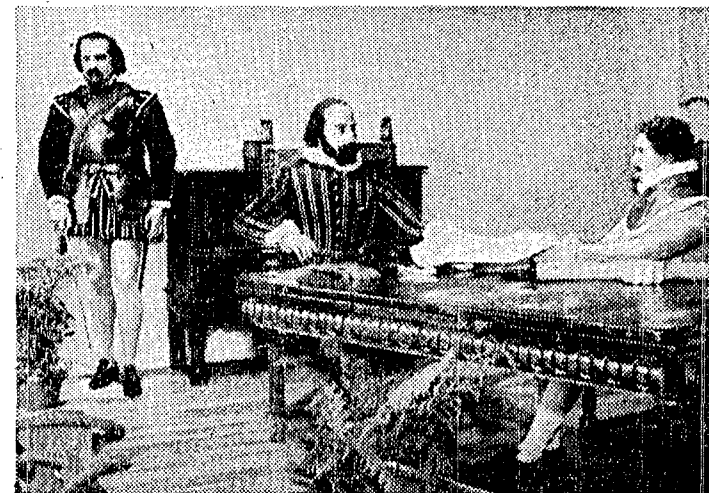
FESTIVAL OF THE TEDDY BEARS

The West German town of Giengen, where Teddy Bears were first manufactured, is holding a great Teddy Bear Festival on October 27 in honour of the 100th anniversary of the birth of President Theodore (Teddy) Roosevelt of the United States, after whom the bears were named.

The association of "Teddy" Roosevelt with little bears dates back to 1902. During a Mississippi bear hunt he refused to shoot a cub, and a well-known cartoonist drew a picture of the incident for the Washington Post. Four years

later the President attended a wedding reception where the caterer paid him the compliment of using little bears as table decorations. The President remarked that although reckoning himself an expert on bears, he could not name the breed; someone suggested, "Let's call them Teddy Bears."

The story reached Giengen, then a hamlet, and inspired Margerete Steiff with the idea of making Teddy Bears for children. They proved highly popular; in the first year the Steiff firm sold a million of them in America alone.



Wax tableau of Channel Islands history

In Elizabeth Castle, the Governor's residence on the island of Jersey, three rooms have been set aside for waxworks of local history. This scene shows Sir Walter Raleigh (centre) discussing the plans of the castle with his military engineer.



Have YOU entered the Heinz Cowboy's breakfast colouring competition?

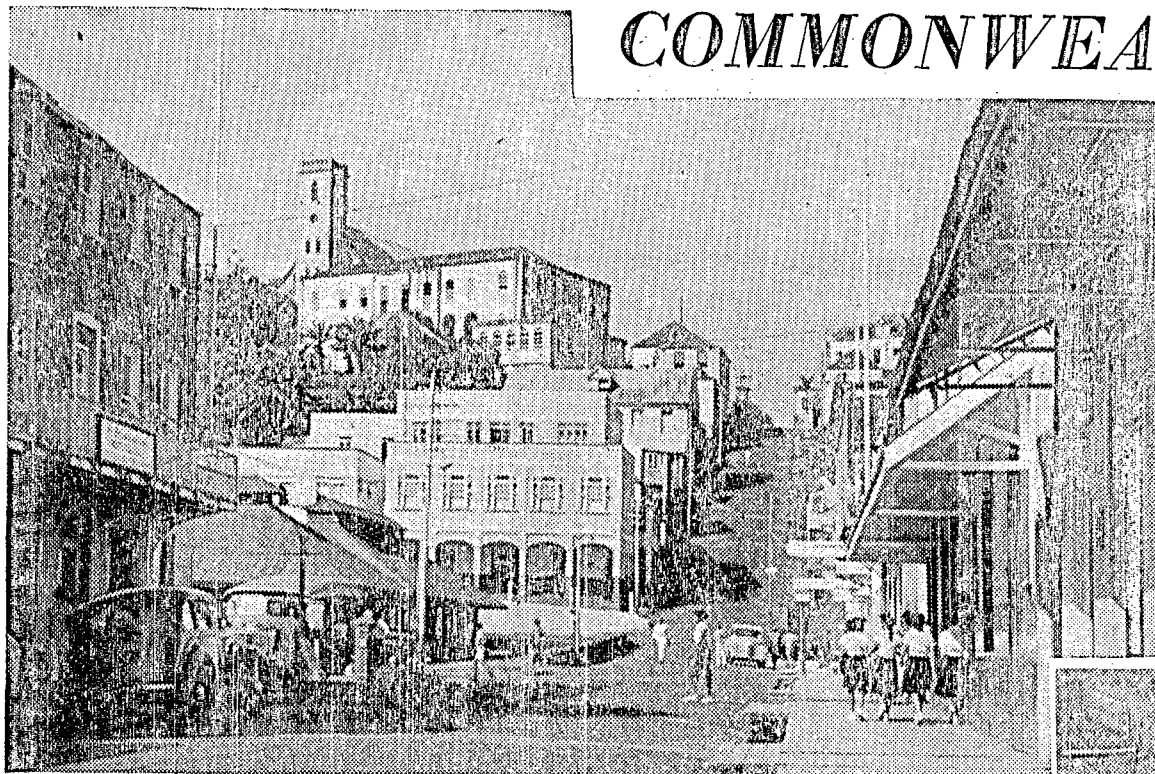
It's a wonderful opportunity to win a real live pony! Heinz are offering three first prizes of a pony, complete with saddle and bridle—or 200 guineas in Premium Bonds—to the first-prize winner in each of the following three age groups: under 8; 8 to under 11; 11 to under 16. There are 57 other super prizes in each age group, too!

Cowboy or cowgirl outfits for the under 11's; wooden presentation boxes of water-colour paints for the 11's and over.

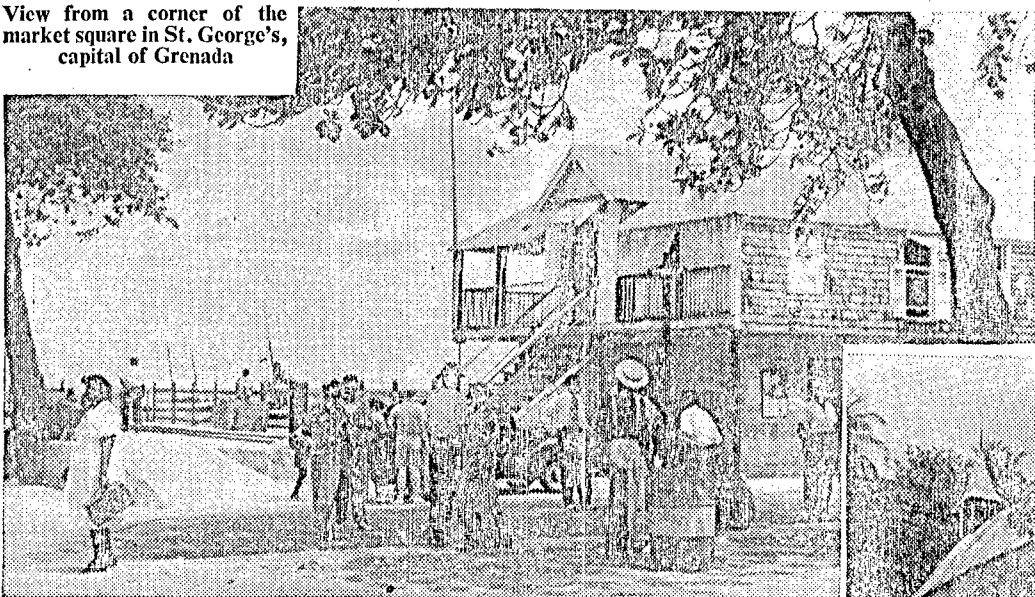
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Rules and entry forms at your grocers now!

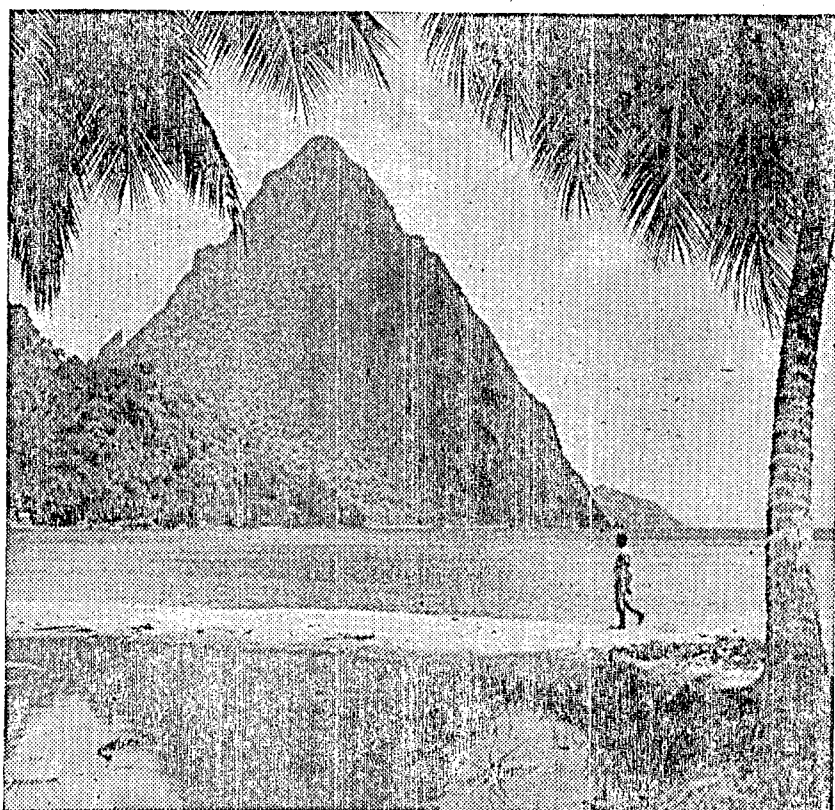
COMMONWEALTH PANORAMA



View from a corner of the market square in St. George's, capital of Grenada



In the main square of Carriacou, largest of the Grenadines



St. Lucia is a mountainous island with a rugged coastline

A CHAIN of small islands in the West Indies, the Windward Islands comprise Grenada, the Grenadine islets, St. Vincent, St. Lucia, and Dominica. The biggest of the four main islands is Dominica, which has an area of 305 square miles—roughly twice the size of the Isle of Wight. Second comes St. Lucia, 238 square miles; third St. Vincent, 150 square miles; and then Grenada, 133 square miles. The biggest of the Grenadines (between Grenada and St. Vincent) is Carriacou, with an area of only eleven square miles. The total population of the Windward Islands is about 330,000, chiefly people of African descent.

COLUMBUS is believed to have discovered Dominica in 1493, Grenada and St. Vincent five years later. The date of the finding

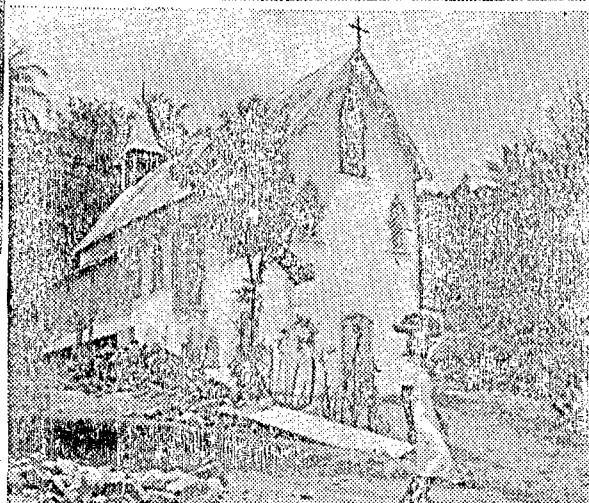
of St. Lucia is not known. The first colonists, mostly French, came in the 17th century. During the 18th century the islands had a turbulent history, changing hands from time to time in the wars between Britain and France. Grenada, St. Vincent, and Dominica finally became British by the Treaty of Versailles in 1783, but St. Lucia was not finally ceded to Britain until 1814. All the Windward Islands are now in the Federation of the West Indies.

THE chief products of the Windwards are bananas, cocoa, copra, cotton, and various spices. Grenada is specially renowned for its mace (a spice made from nutmeg), and St. Vincent for its Sea Island cotton, considered the best in the world.

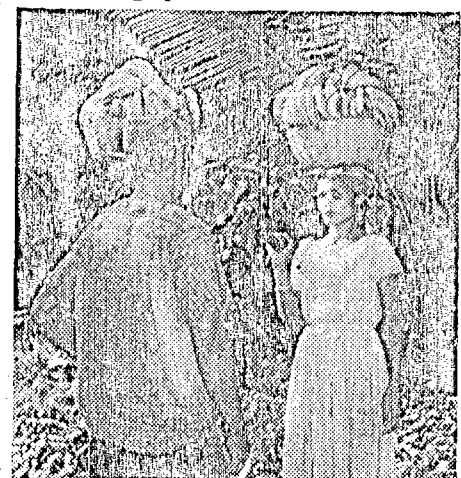
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Village post office in Dominica



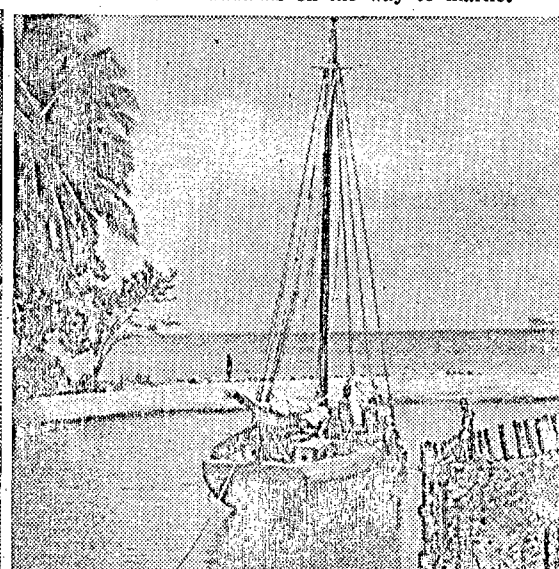
Little wayside church on Grenada



Baskets of bananas on the way to market



Cracking nutmegs, one of Grenada's chief exports



One of the small craft which ply between the islands

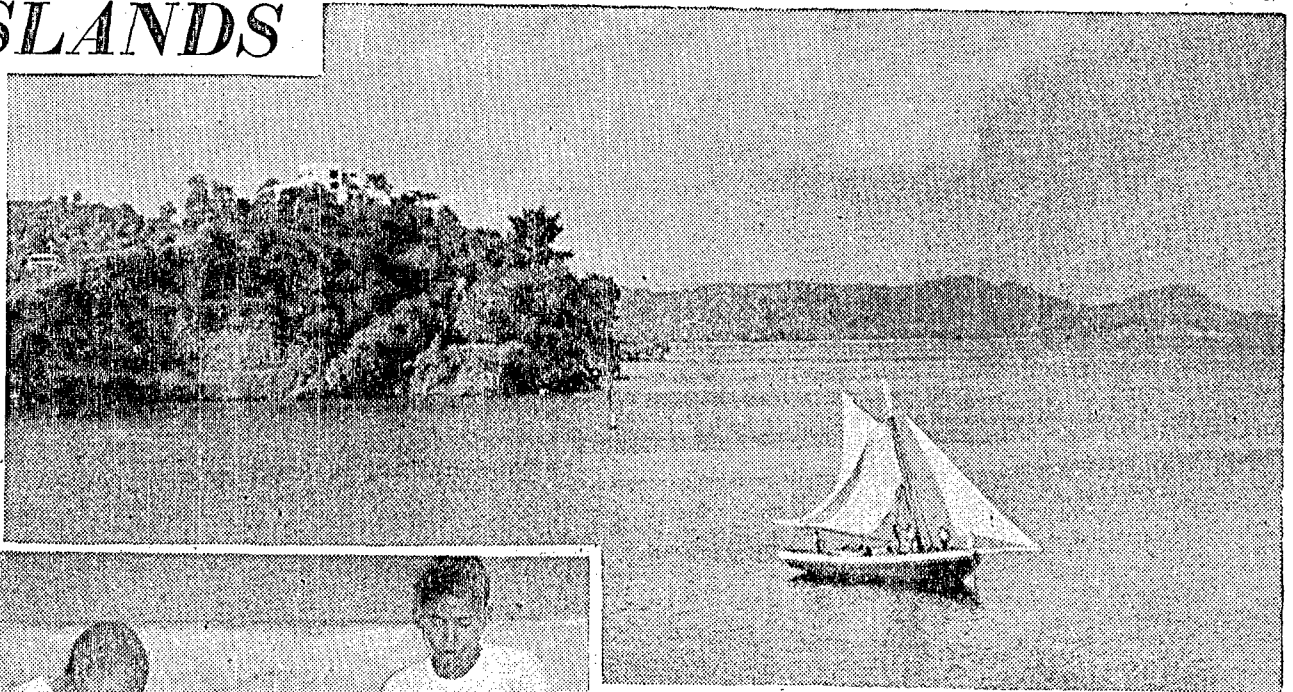
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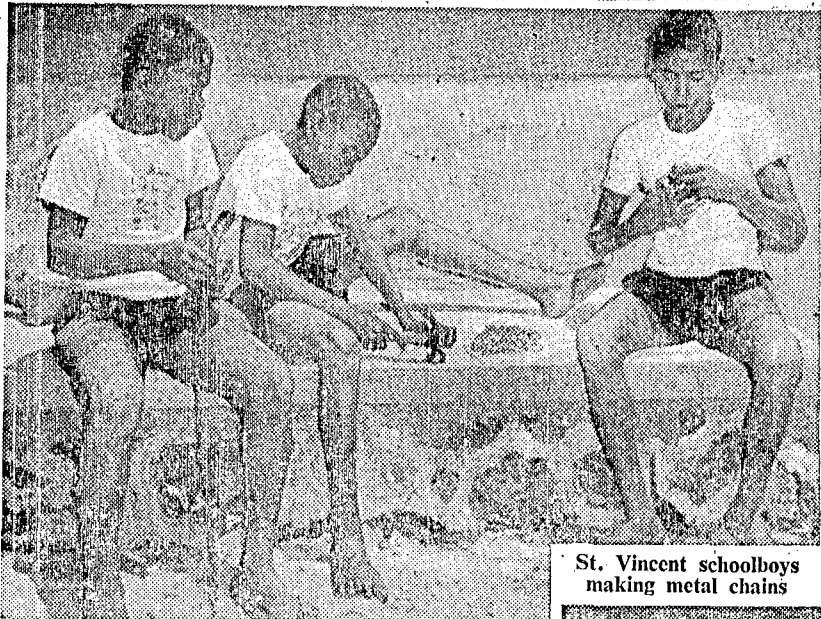
Arrowroot is a famous product of St. Vincent



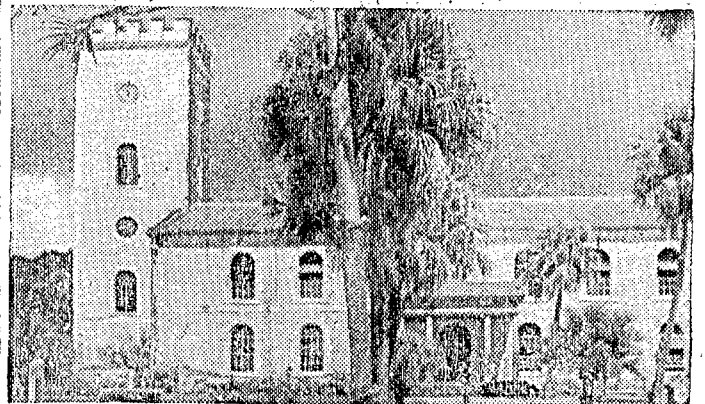
Schooner leaving St. George's Harbour, Grenada



Limes fresh off the tree in Dominica



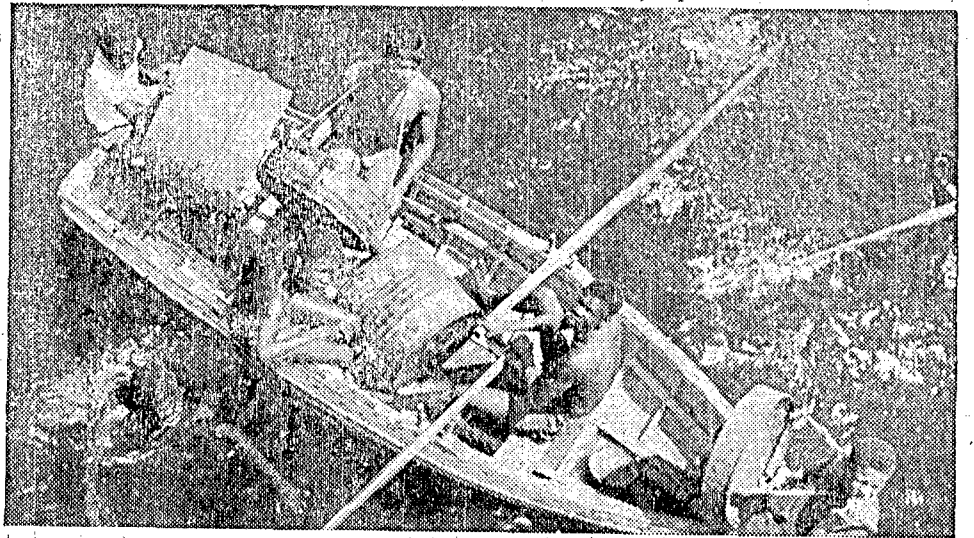
St. Vincent schoolboys making metal chains



The cathedral at Kingstown, capital of St. Vincent



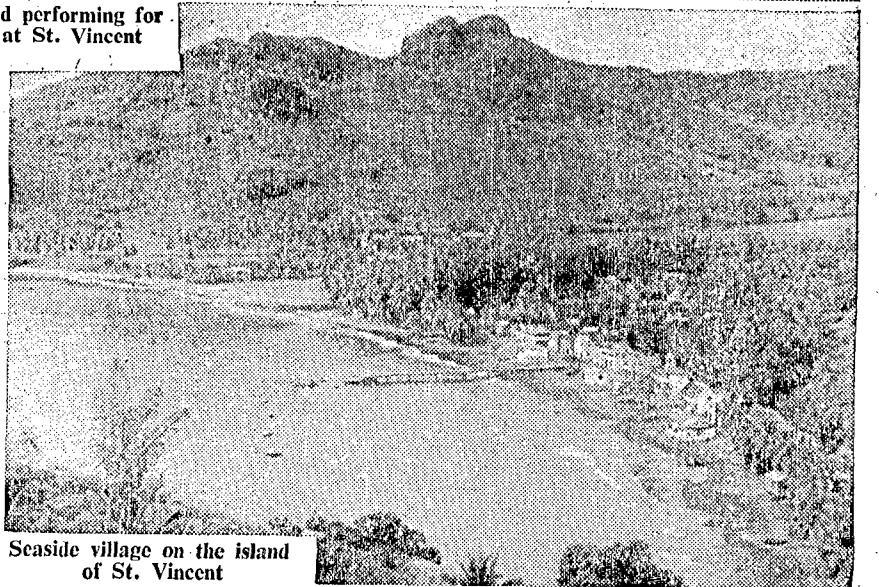
Loading bananas into a ship's hold at St. Lucia



Steel band performing for a ship at St. Vincent



Skipping time at a school in Castries, capital of St. Lucia



Seaside village on the island of St. Vincent

TAKING CARE OF YOUR PETS

17. Fancy Mice

By Charles Trevisick, F.Z.S.

Lots of people dislike mice, but they are intelligent, lively little animals, and the white and coloured varieties of fancy mice are easy to tame and make good pets. Moreover, they live for two or three years if really well looked after; and this is not difficult.

Several mouse families can live together in harmony.

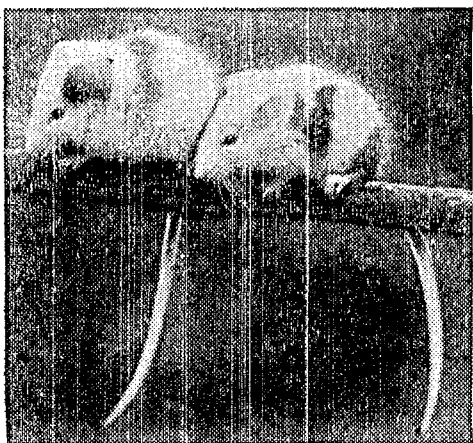
A good plan is to buy a proper mouse cage with a sleeping box. It should also have a wheel inside, because all mice love this toy and will play for hours in it. Such a cage has the advantage of being properly ventilated. This is an important point; so many home-made cages have too much glass, and as a result the mice suffer through sweating too much.

The best way to start is to buy a pair of mice about a month old. They can be obtained from most pet-shops. See that the ones you choose have sleek coats and bright eyes, and that they are really alert. Pick up your mice gently by the root of the tail and place them in the palm of your hand; you will find they will soon become very tame.

Be careful of draughts or else pneumonia and colic may result. Keep your mouse cage in the warm, out of frost and cold, especially in winter. In fact, mice can be kept indoors provided that you keep them very clean, putting a layer of fresh dry sawdust on the floor of the cage each day.

Do not give these pets cheese or sweets and remember that bread will get mouldy and make the cage smell strongly. Put a small handful of hay inside the cage and you will see the mice carrying it bit by bit up to the nest box. Provide plenty of clean water each day, and for their regular diet give them mixed grain, cornflakes, raw carrot, a little lettuce, ground nuts and a little mixed bird seed. Occasionally dust your pets with pyrethrin powder.

If you have any queries about your tame mice, or any other pets, please let me have them at the



Ilfracombe Zoo Park, North Devon (and please enclose a stamped, addressed envelope for your reply).

IN SAFE CUSTODY

A hedgehog with five young is being cared for at the home of Police-Constable France at Bewdley—and provided with a pint of milk a day from the Worcestershire County Police Fund.

Fourth Language of Switzerland

The Swiss Government is to provide funds for fostering the ancient Romansh language. Most Swiss people speak German, or French, or Italian as their everyday language, according to which part of the country they live in, but Romansh survives in the valleys of Grisons, the eastern canton.

Derived from the Romans who conquered the region in 15 B.C., Romansh was gradually being ousted in Grisons by the German tongue. Then, in 1919 a league was started to preserve the old language. It was made the chief language in the local school, and Romansh books and newspapers were printed. Some 45,000 people, a third of the total population of Grisons, now speak Romansh.

About four-fifths of its words are of Latin origin, the rest coming from German.

CASH PRIZES FOR C N READERS

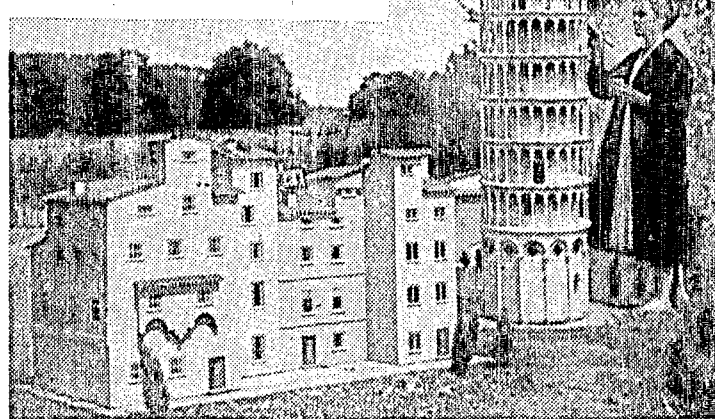
Prizes of 10s. have been awarded to these winners of C N Competition No. 9: Jennifer Coope, South Harrow; Nesta Elliott, Brighton; Annette Hepworth, Worcester; Joëlle King, Redditch; Peter Lockett, London, E.18; Christopher Pearce, London, N.14; Gillian Pearson, Redcar; Marjorie Savage, Wallington; Rodney Stenning, Crawley; and Sharley Stewart, Donaghmore.

Postal Orders for 5s. go to these runners-up: Patricia Broughton, Leicester; Paul Carter, Edgware; Joyce Evans, London, S.W.1; Monica Howard, Birmingham; Diane Marsh, St. Albans; Michael Shore, North Walsham; Christopher Tarrant, Woking; Margaret Tomlins, Rickmansworth; Anthony Valente, Bishop Auckland; and John Varley, Pinner.

SOLUTION: JUPITER, URANUS, NEPTUNE, VENUS, MARS, PLUTO, SATURN, MERCURY.

Model of a Tower

As an attraction for visitors to the Wöthersee, the Austrian lake resort, a Dutch expert is building models representing famous cities of Europe. Here is the Leaning Tower of Pisa.



WORLD FAIR OF BOOKS

A C N correspondent recently visited the great annual book fair in Frankfurt and saw books from all over the world assembled in seven vast halls. All the new books, and many of the old ones which go on being reprinted as classics in every language, were arrayed on the stands of the world's publishers. Listed in the catalogues were more and more books on every subject and topic you could think of.

Here in the centre of Europe the world's publishers set up their stands, and on one day of the fair the schools of Frankfurt sent many of their senior pupils to visit it. Many of these young people stayed longest in the English book section asking questions in good English about authors and places in Britain. Every German school now makes English a compulsory subject, and even the smallest children seem able to speak a few words.

Particularly noticeable was the vast array of art books, especially from publishers in France and Italy, who are most expert in producing illustrations in beautiful colours, and draw on all the famous modern artists as well as

on the Old Masters. Certainly the pleasure of handling a beautiful book is still unsurpassed.

The Frankfurt fair also displayed the amazing variety of "how to do it" books. They were there in their thousands and covered everything from repairing a bicycle to making one's own television set. There were also the books covering travel in almost every country, in every kind of vehicle, and in every language, for travel has become more popular than ever.

Enquire within for all the family

That mine of useful information for home and office, Pears Cyclopaedia, price 17s. 6d., has just made its 67th appearance.

In an attractive cover it is a good "dip-into" book for all the family. Boys and girls especially will find in it much useful general knowledge, with sections on Gardening, Sports and Pastimes, Radio, and Pets, an atlas and the General Compendium dealing with 5000 subjects. Here is a wealth of information in a really handy form.

HEREWARD THE WAKE—picture-version of Charles Kingsley's tale of Saxon England (3)



Having seen one of his companions killed, the second knight fled. From the bank, Martin dived on the third man, unhorsing and wounding him. Martin and his master then returned unharmed to the castle. After this treacherous attempt on his life, Hereward left Gilbert's service, and went with Martin to Cornwall, where a kinsman of Hereward's, Alef, was the self-styled "king" of a wild and remote region.

Hereward was welcomed in the crude barn-like hall where Alef and his daughter, the "princess," were feasting with their retainers. Alef, an old man, said he had no need of a champion to fight his battles as he had "Ironhook." This was an ugly giant of a man who eyed the newcomer suspiciously. Later Martin found out that Ironhook intended to marry the princess, although she was already betrothed to an Irish nobleman.

Hereward was invited to stay with Alef. Next day the old man's daughter irritated Ironhook by praising Hereward's good looks. The giant, who was a Pict, sneered at Englishmen in general, and said he had slain three of them with one blow. "With your mouth, I suppose," said Hereward, a remark which sent everyone, including the young lady, into fits of laughter. Enraged, Ironhook challenged Hereward to fight.

Alef's daughter hid Ironhook's "magic" sword, and he had to fight with the long iron hook from which he got his name. Hereward nimbly avoided it, and slew the giant. Then, to his surprise, the princess began weeping for Ironhook, and at that the fallen champion's followers turned on Hereward with shouts of "Foul play!" In bewilderment he and Martin faced the angry crowd of armed men.

Does Alef's daughter mean to betray Hereward? See next week's instalment



Grand new story about the boys of Linbury Court

JENNINGS, AS USUAL

by Anthony Buckeridge

Jennings is drawing a Christmas card for Mr. Wilkins in an attempt to put him in a friendly mood. The master has confiscated his penknife, and Jennings is anxious to retrieve it before the term ends.

20. Guided Missile

THE ringing of the bell for the end of school the next morning was greeted by all the members of Form III with subdued squawks of delight. For it meant not only that lessons were over for the term, but also that they could start putting up their home-made decorations. Now, at last, the moment had arrived to bring forth the paper chains and make-shift ornaments which, on Mr. Carter's order, had been tidily stored out of sight pending the day of the party.

Needless to say, the boys wasted no time in getting to work. As each locker was flung open, a tightly packed coil of coloured paper was flung out like a jack-in-the-box.

As Jennings had predicted, there was no shortage of material. From end to end the common room was festooned with loops and folds of gaily coloured streamers, so that the walls and ceiling were almost completely covered. Various methods were devised to hold the chains in place: drawing pins, stamp hinges, tin tacks, and even corn plasters, were pressed into service in an effort to keep the decorations from cascading down on the heads of the decorators. At last the work was finished and the boys were free to stroll round and admire the result of their labours.

Paper overhead

Shortly afterwards Mr. Carter came into the common room to inspect the handiwork. He walked carefully so as not to disturb the strips of paper hanging precariously over his head, and others which—owing to the poor quality of the stamp hinges—kept wrapping themselves round his ears. He was thankful that the boys had devised this peaceful method of whiling away the last restless hours before the party. At least it kept them quiet.

As he approached the table by the window he noticed Jennings and Darbshire poring over a large sheet of drawing paper. Jennings looked up as the master drew level.

"Sir, please, sir, were you alive in the olden days?" he asked.

Mr. Carter raised a suspicious eyebrow. But one glance at Jennings' earnest expression convinced him that the boy was not trying to be funny.

"I mean, can you remember what it was like years ago, when they used to have snow and stuff laid on for Christmas, sir?"

"I can remember seasonable weather at this time of year," Mr. Carter admitted. "Why do you ask?"

"Well, sir, I was having an argument with Darbshire about the Christmas card I'm doing. You see, it's an up to date, jet-propelled one, but Darbshire still says snow is compulsory, sir, and I wondered if there was any rule about it."

"No, Jennings—no rule," said Mr. Carter gravely.

"Oh, that's good, sir," said Jennings, relieved. "You see, I'm going to send it to Mr. Wilkins. I thought if I made him a specially decent one he might feel all Christmasy and give me my penknife back before we go home tomorrow."

Peace offering

A ghost of a smile haunted the corners of Mr. Carter's mouth as he bent forward to look at the Christmas card proffered for his inspection.

The peace offering designed to soften Mr. Wilkins' heart was certainly up to date—even, perhaps, a little in advance of its time. For the finished picture showed a space-suited Father Christmas crash-landing his flying saucer on the Moon. In addition to the merry-making space pilots pulling their crackers, there was a further group of lunar explorers engaged in the difficult task of eating their Christmas dinner without removing their plastic helmets. Above the domes of their pressurised headgear floated little balloons filled with seasonable conversation ('A Merry Christmas, Professor' . . . 'Same to you. Pass the mince pies, old chap'). As a concession to Darbshire's feelings about old-fashioned Christmas scenes, a robin was perched on a yule log in the middle distance.

Mr Carter's doubts

"D'you think he'll like it, sir?" Jennings asked eagerly.

"It's jolly good, isn't it, sir?" chimed in Darbshire, his spectacles athwart his nose like a percentage sign. "Of course I helped too, sir. The poem about the comps. of the season was specially composed by me—copyright reserved, sir."

"H'm," mused Mr. Carter. "I doubt whether a flying saucer is quite Mr. Wilkins' cup of tea, but it may bring him down to earth on the subject of confiscated penknives."

The news of Jennings' intentions had already caused a certain

amount of interest among the members of Form III; and when Mr. Carter had gone a group of boys gathered round the artist to inspect the final result of his work. Temple was inclined to be critical.

"I thought you said there was no air on the Moon," he challenged.

"That's right—there isn't. That's why they're all wearing space-helmets—even during dinner," Jennings explained.

"Well what about this Christmas robin you've drawn? He seems to be breathing all right."

The artist dismissed the criticism with a wave of his pencil. "You couldn't put a robin in a space-helmet—it'd look silly," he said. "Anyway, so long as it's Christmasy I don't suppose Sir will mind. He'll probably think it's holding its breath."

The next move was to send the card to Mr. Wilkins without delay. Jennings, as usual, had his

own ideas about how this should be done.

"As it's a jet-propelled job I'm going to deliver it by air mail," he announced.

The group stared in puzzled wonder as he crossed to the window and looked out. Yes, it *should* be possible to send a guided missile through the staff room window, he decided. In fact, it looked an easy target, for the staff room was on the ground floor barely ten yards away.

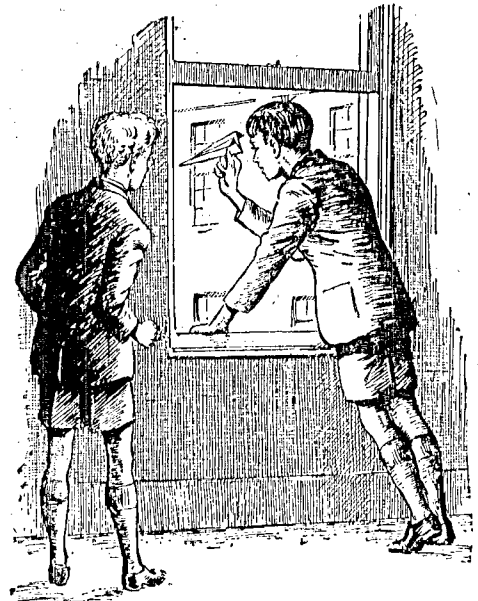
Fortunately the window of the staff room was open at the top, and through the aperture Jennings could see Mr. Wilkins seated at a table, studying a book with close attention. A broad grin spread over the boy's face as he turned to his friends standing behind him.

"Come on, you chaps, gather round the launching base for ye famous vertical jet-lift take-off," he announced.

"What's the big idea?" Venables demanded.

"Old Wilkie's going to stop a rocket. Well, not quite, but you'll see what I mean if you watch."

So saying, Jennings picked up the greetings card and carefully folded it into the shape of a dart. Then he opened the common



Jennings stood with the missile poised above the sill

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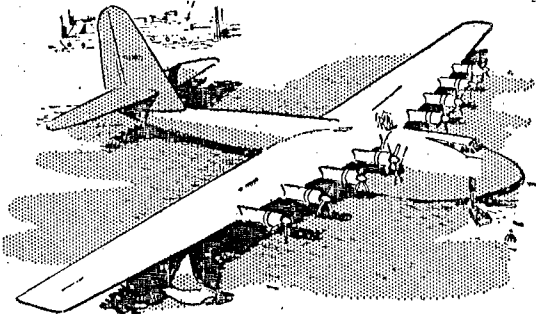
"Stand by for the take-off!" he cried in tones of mock importance. "Contact! . . . Chocks away! . . . Port engine revving up . . . Clear the runway—she's off!"

Taking careful aim he launched the missile on its maiden flight. The dart soared upwards, then spiralled across the intervening space losing height all the time.

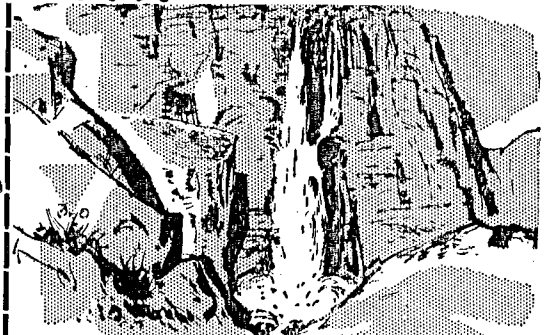
In breathless suspense the boys followed the flight. At one point

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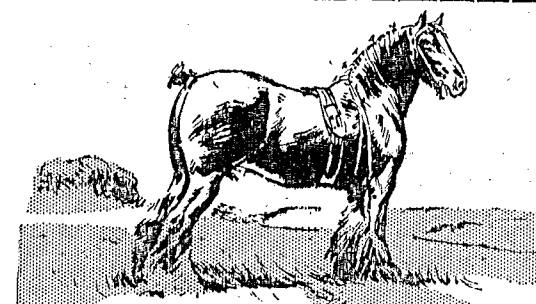
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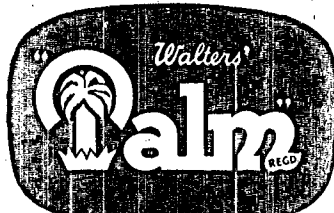
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WHO'S WHO AT THE ZOO

Chameleons from a schoolboy

GROTESQUE-LOOKING new arrivals at the London Zoo are two Jackson's horned chameleons.

"We received a phone call from a schoolboy at London Airport," a Zoo official told me. "He said he had just arrived from Kenya and would like us to accept two chameleons which he had found in the country near Nairobi and had been keeping as pets. He explained that he was going on to a school in Bucks., where he would be unable to keep them.

"We gladly accepted his offer, for we have no other chameleons of this variety on exhibition. Both the newcomers are males, one eight inches long, the other a half-grown specimen measuring four inches. But although they are comparatively small, both have the characteristic crest on top of the head, and three horns which project horizontally from the front of the face.

"The purpose of the horns has long puzzled zoologists. They are certainly not used for fighting. But they give the chameleons the oddest appearance. If viewed through a large magnifying-glass, the creatures resemble prehistoric monsters."

This python is a pet

Also new at the reptile house is a three-foot African Royal python which is likely to become a popular pet for visitors to handle during the coming winter. The snake, which arrived with two other reptilian companions—a two-foot Lesueur's water-lizard and a blue-tongued skink—is a gift from Mr. G. J. Scott-Smith, biology master at the County Secondary School, Rye.

"Mr. Scott-Smith obtained the reptiles from a dealer and has been using them in his biological

classes," said the official. "But as he is now encountering feeding difficulties, which would be likely to increase during the winter, he has decided to pass them on to us.

"The python is one of the tamest we have seen. It has been regularly petted by countless children and has never been known to bite. This naturally makes it a useful snake for visitors who go 'behind the scenes.'

"The other two reptiles, however, will be permanently housed in dens. The skink is not harmful, but it is a rather shy type of lizard. The Lesueur's water-lizard has a nasty bite."

Waiting for the water cobra

One of the menagerie's rarest snakes, a five-foot Storm's water-cobra, has laid a clutch of eggs, believed to be the first of their kind ever laid at Regent's Park. "The cobra is a new arrival," Overseer R. A. Lanworn told me. "It was one of two which were specially caught for us recently in

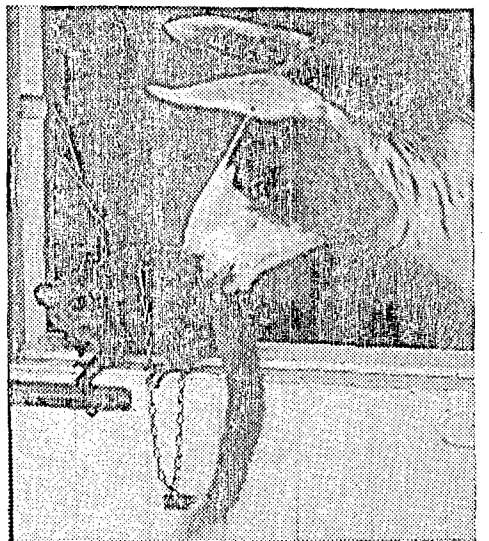
Lake Tanganyika. They have been living in water at the reptile house since their arrival a month or so ago.

"The other day, to our surprise, we found that one of the cobras had emerged from the water during the night and had laid a clutch of six eggs on the bank of the pool. She has since remained coiled around the eggs. In view of the extreme rarity of the species, found only in one small area of Lake Tanganyika, we are hoping for a successful hatching. The incubation period is believed to be about 60 days.

"The eggs measure about 1½ inches each, and look healthy enough so far; but we are wondering whether the mother snake will create a feeding problem. These water-cobras live on fish, and from time to time we place cut-up whiting in the water for them. It will be interesting to see if the snake leaves her eggs to go into the water for food. She may not do so, as sitting snakes frequently go for very long periods without food." CRAVEN HILL

Who's that at my door?

Percy the Bush Baby, a recent arrival at Whipsnade Zoo, likes to visit the llama's stall just to see how things are going. He finds a handy perch on top of the door.



JENNINGS, AS USUAL

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it seemed certain that the dart would hit the wall wide of the window, but at the last moment it veered away and skimmed into the room.

"Hurray! Hurray! Direct hit!" cried Darbshire.

"Jolly good shot!" shouted Venables, thumping the missile designer between the shoulder blades in hearty congratulation.

"Ssh! Quiet! All get down out of sight," Jennings ordered. "It only just missed the top of his head, and if he turns round and sees us grinning at him it'll spoil the surprise."

Accordingly, the little group crouched low under the window, only Jennings remaining at a vantage point with his eyes just above the sill.

"He's picking it up off the floor," he announced in a stage whisper. "He's looking at it now."

"Is he reading my poem?" Darbshire queried hopefully.

"No, he's looking up at this window. He's guessed where it's come from after all."

"That's a good sign, anyway,"

said Atkinson. "I expect he'll come up to you at the party and say thank you in person."

"And then you can round it all off nicely by wishing him a few more of those comps. of the season that Darbshire's always nattering about," Venables added.

"I bet Old Sir will be ever so grateful," said Darbshire beaming with seasonable goodwill. "I bet

it'll put him in such a festive mood that he'll give you your knife back with a sprig of holly on the top."

Jennings dodged quickly away from the window. "We'll soon know about that," he said. "He's just gone stonking out of the room, and I've got a feeling he's coming up here right away."

To be continued

JUST A FEW WORDS

HERE is an entertaining way to increase your knowledge of words. Each numbered sentence below is followed by three answers or comments you might make; but, in each case, only one is correct and shows that you have understood the meaning of the word in italics. To answer five or six correctly is very good.

Answers are given on page 11

- We have reached a *com-* promise.
A—Both given way somewhat.
B—The final breaking-point.
C—A binding treaty.
- An *incisive* report was made.
A—Acute and penetrating.
B—Presenting a summing-up.
C—Some introductory remarks.
- The town had a *martial* air.
A—Seemed half-dead.
B—Busy with trade.
C—A warlike atmosphere.
- An *embargo* is in progress.
A—Ban on trade.
B—Lively celebration.
C—Outrush of people.
- It is a pity that the prisoner was *adamant*.
A—Condemned to death.
B—Determined not to give in.
C—Thoroughly unpopular.
- Gardening was *anathema* to him.
A—A soothing hobby.
B—A profitable business.
C—Intensely disliked.

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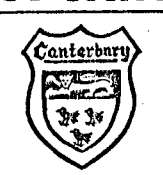
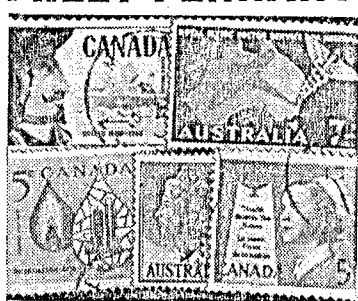
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SPORTS PUZZLE

The letters of the words printed in italics can be rearranged to spell a term that is used in Ice Hockey.

THE play was fast and furious. Pat had not realised that ice hockey was played at such astonishing speed. Jill, who was sitting behind him, bent forward to whisper: "It's incredible that a huge ox of a fellow like Bob can be so quick and graceful!"

WORD-SQUARE

CAPITAL of Italy.
Not closed.

To repair.
Trying to make both meet.

MUDDLED MONEY

Rearrange the following jumbled words to form the names of various foreign coins. Then name the countries in which the coins are used.

CARDHAM, RAIL, ENY,
TEPESA, EERUP, CARNF.

MUSIC QUIZ

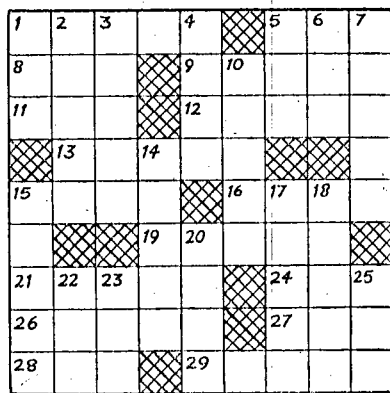
Can you give the Christian names to the following composers?

BACH, Beethoven, Bizet, Chopin, Debussy, Elgar, Grieg, Handel, Liszt, Mozart, Mendelssohn, Schumann.

Crossword Puzzle

READING ACROSS. 1 Miniature. 5 Amateur Football Association. 8 Be in debt. 9 Performer. 11 The lowest number. 12 Staffs of office. 13 Rimmed. 15 Old Irish language. 16 Famous school. 19 Go in. 21 Rub out. 24 Clear away. 26 Heeds. 27 Old French coin. 28 Beverage. 29 Tendency. READING DOWN. 1 cry of the cow. 2 Possessor. 3 Acts. 4 Hobbling. 5 Air Training Corps. 6 Enemy. 7 Wilful burning of property. 10 He could be in the 5 down. 14 Web-footed birds. 15 Happening. 17 Concise. 18 Constellation. 20 Bird's home. 22 Fish eggs. 23 Actual Time of Arrival. 25 Worthless.

Answer next week



FAMOUS PAIRS

Can you give the surname to the following pairs of famous people?

CHARLES and Mary —
Elizabeth and Robert —
William and Dorothy —
Dante Gabriel and Christina —
Charlotte and Emily —

ALL ANIMALS

WHO had a dog named Flush?
In which book will you find the Cheshire Cat?
Who had a horse named Bucephalus?
Which animal do you associate with Androcles?
Who sold his cow for a bag of beans?
Which animal do you associate with the Pied Piper?

MIXED TRIOS

The three missing words each consist of the same three letters differently arranged.

BOB decided nothing should — the picnic. Proceeding to — himself with a stout stick, he felt capable of dealing with Farmer Jones's —, should it be in the meadow.

LUCKY DIP

BATH-TIME

IT's bath-night on Friday.
Oh, how I like
To play in the bath
And pretend I'm a pike.
Or pretend I'm a whale
Or a haddock or trout.
And I wish I could stay
When Mum says "Come out."
But, when I am dry
And I'm tucked up in bed,
It's just as much fun —
I'm a sailor instead.
My bed is my boat
And the sheets are the deck.
"Steady there, sailors,
Or we'll be a wreck!"

ALL FOR NAUGHT

"I DON'T think I deserved a nought for the geography test."
"I don't either," replied the teacher, "but it was the lowest I could give you."

JUST A FEW WORDS

1. A A compromise is settlement of difficulties by each side giving way somewhat for the sake of agreement. (From Latin *com-*, together, and *promissum*, promised.)
2. A Incisive means cutting into, and so keen or penetrating. (From Latin *incisum*, cut into.)
3. C Martial means warlike; connected with war, or with the army and navy. (From Latin *Mars*, the god of war.)
4. A An embargo is a ban or stoppage of trade for a short time by authority. (From Spanish *embargar*, to impede, restrain.)
5. B Adamant means very hard; unbreakable; refusing to give way. (From Latin *adamantus*, hard as steel.)
6. C Anathema is a curse and so something deserving a curse or to be hated. (From Greek *anathema*, a thing dedicated or accursed.)

ANSWERS TO PUZZLES

Sports puzzle. Penalty-box.
Muddled money. Drachma—Greece; Lira—Italy; Yen—Japan; Peseta—Spain; Rupee—India; Franc—France.
Music quiz. Johann Sebastian Bach; Ludwig van Beethoven; Georges Bizet; Frederic Chopin; Claude Achille Debussy; Edward Elgar; Elvard Grieg; George Frederick Handel; Franz Liszt; Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart; Felix Mendelssohn; Robert Schumann.
Famous pairs. Charles and Mary Lamb; Elizabeth and Robert Browning; William and Dorothy Wordsworth; Dante Gabriel and Christina Rossetti; Charlotte and Emily Brontë.
All animals. Elizabeth Barrett — Word-square Browning; Alice in Wonderland; Alexander the Great; ROME the Lion; Jack (Jack and OPEN the Beanstalk); the Rat. MENJD
Mixed trios. Mar, arm, ram. ENDS

WHITE TAG CHANGES HIS MIND

IN early autumn White Tag the fox cub had left the family den to live on his own. But weeks later, when he passed that way again, he found his four sisters still there.

"Mother and Father have left us! And there is no one to hunt our food," they cried piteously.

"Of course they have!" said White Tag scornfully. "It was the only way to make you look after yourselves. Didn't they teach you hunting, path and bolt hole finding, and the laws of our tribe?"

"Well, yes," they agreed ashamedly.

"Then get on with it," he urged. And off he went growling: "Girls! I've no time for girls!"

Adventuring far and wide as autumn deepened into winter, he found that other dog foxes, young and old, thought that way, too.

Then, one December evening, an old dog fox said: "And yet, I don't know! I'm quite glad our holiday is nearly over."

"What holiday?" White Tag demanded.

"Why, the holiday dog foxes and vixens have away from one another each year when family cares are over. What fun to meet my vixen again and discuss our adventures while we hunt for another family den. In fact, I'm going to see if I can find her now."

Off he went: "Wouf! Wouf!" went his call through the dark woods. And before long, from a long way off, came his vixen's answering scream.

White Tag thought he was silly, and, though the other dog foxes each went to find his vixen, he himself continued adventuring alone. But it was not long before there seemed no more adventures left.

He became so bored and miserable that one night, when he heard a vixen calling, he promptly answered her.

So gay and frolicsome was she that White Tag changed his mind about girls. For to find a den with her, and have a family to guard and teach would be the most exciting adventure of all.

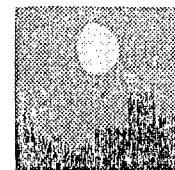
JANE THORNICROFT.

THE REASON

SAID a dreamy professor from Lundy,
"The streets appear quiet for a Monday."
Laughed his friend Mr. Dellow,
"They would be, old fellow,
If only today were not Sunday."

OTHER WORLDS

IN the evening Mars is in the south-east and Saturn in the south-west. No planets are visible in the morning. The picture shows the Moon as it may be seen at half-past ten on the evening of Saturday, October 25.



OUT OF STEP

"JOHNNY! You have your shoes on the wrong feet."
"How can I, Mummy? These are the only feet I've got."

A RAINY DAY

SPLISH! Splish! Splish!
The rain came down
As we made a dash
For the shops in town.
I paddled in the puddles
Splash! Splish! Splish!
And made some muddy muddles
On my mackintosh.
It may seem funny,
But, oh, how I wish
It would rain every day
Splish! Splish! Splish!

STRANGE, BUT TRUE

FRIDAY has always been regarded as an unlucky day by sailors, and at one time no voyages ever began on that day. But Columbus defied this superstition when he set out on Friday, August 3, 1492, in an attempt to reach India by sailing westward. And it was on a Friday, October 12, when he sighted an island of the Bahamas, and thus found the New World.

JACKO DOES A HAT TRICK FOR BABY



Father Jacko decided to take the children with him when he went to buy a new hat. "The walk will do them good," he said to Mother Jacko. "And it will keep them out of mischief, too," he added. But with Jacko around, he did not feel too sure about that. While in the shop Father Jacko was busy trying on a hat or two when he heard a sudden commotion behind him, and he saw a pile of hats coming towards him—with Baby underneath them. Jacko had been up to his tricks again. Fortunately, the shopman saw the funny side of it, and as Father Jacko was rather pleased at his choice of hat, Jacko, for once, escaped punishment for his sins.

***** CN Competition Corner *****

5 WATCHES TO BE WON!

THE eagerly-awaited day of bonfires and rockets will soon be here, and you can get off to a cracking start by entering this week's topical competition. There are five brand-new "Timex" Wrist watches to be won and entry is open to all CN readers under 17 living in Great Britain, Northern Ireland, and the Channel Islands—free!

WHAT TO DO: In the picture below, the names of seven well-known fireworks have been jumbled up. To find what they are, simply pick out the letters in each style then arrange them to spell the names of the fireworks. Thus, one answer will be ROCKET, made up of the six largest letters.

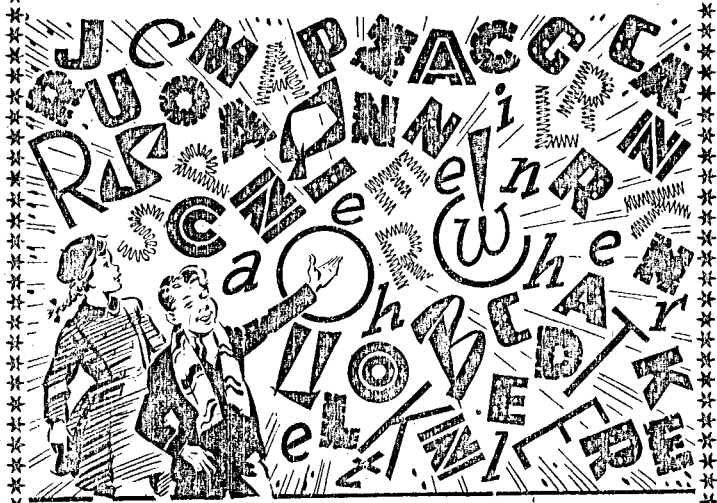
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MCC IN AUSTRALIA

THE England cricketers have now begun their busy programme in Australia. Their first match was arranged against Western Australia, and on Friday they are due to meet a Combined Australia XI at Perth.

This fixture is always an important one, for the Combined XI contains many of the Australian Test players. Among them this year will be Norman O'Neill, of Sydney, who has been hailed as a "second Bradman." The M.C.C. players will no doubt be as eager to look at O'Neill as he will be to play against our bowlers before meeting them in the Tests, the first of which begins on December 5 at Brisbane.

On their last tour in Australia the M.C.C. beat the Combined XI by an innings and 62 runs, Peter May scoring 129 runs. Six members of the present touring side appeared in the 1954 match—May, Bailey, Evans, Graveney, Tyson, and Statham.

Cricketer of the Year

Colin Ingleby-Mackenzie, the Hampshire captain, was recently voted "Young Cricketer of the Year" by the Cricket-Writers Club—the first time a County skipper has received this award.

A batsman who believes in hitting the ball hard, 25-year-old Colin made Hampshire one of the most attractive County sides.

Up to his job



Last-minute adjustments are made from the top of a handy oil drum, by this four-year-old horseman in a riding school at Harrow Weald, Middlesex.

One match lost in six years

MAKING his last report as headmaster of Yorkbridge Grammar School, in the North Riding of Yorkshire, Mr. P. H. Edmonds said that only once during his five years at the school had he to announce that the hockey team had lost a match. And the winning vein began before he got to the school, for it has, in fact, lost only one match in six years.

The school stands at a crossing of the River Ure in Wensleydale. The pupils come from the grey stone villages and isolated farms overlooked by Addleborough and Wether Fell.

From the seventy-odd girls comes a hockey team which regularly meets and beats teams from bigger schools in the North Riding.

Another record for Arthur Rowe

ARTHUR ROWE, 22-year-old blacksmith from Barnsley, completed a fine season as a shot putter by winning the C. N. Jackson Memorial Cup, awarded annually by the A.A.A. to Britain's "Athlete of the Year." This is the first time the trophy has ever been awarded to a field events competitor.

Rowe has certainly earned this honour. Forced to practise his shot putting on the tip heaps of the pits near his home because of the lack of proper facilities, he was unbeaten this summer. He won the A.A.A. Championship, the Empire Games gold medal, and then took the gold medal in the European Games.

Several times during the season he broke the British record, finally setting up a new British all-comers record of 58 feet 11 inches.

The George Hogsflesh Memorial Trophy, for the outstanding junior athlete of the year, has been

Their good turn

FOUR Sheffield Wednesday footballers recently went out of their way to do a good turn. When eleven-year-old Michael McGlann was in Rotherham Hospital as a result of an accident he was asked if there was anything he would like. He replied that more than anything else he wanted to meet his favourite footballers.

On hearing this, four Wednesday players—Norman Curtis, Alan Finney, Derek Wilkinson, and Peter Johnson—paid him a special visit.

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RUSSIANS AT WEMBLEY

A SOCCER international which has been eagerly awaited for some time will be played at Wembley Stadium this Wednesday. It is the first meeting in this country between Russia and England.

The two countries first met in Moscow last May, the match ending in a draw, 1-1. Less than a month later the two sides met again in the World Cup at Gothenburg, and the result was again a draw, 2-2. In the replay Russia won by the only goal scored.

Another soccer international

this week will be held between the England amateurs and the visiting South Africans. It will be played on the ground of the Wycombe Wanderers Club.

This will be the fourth match between the two countries. The first two, in 1924, were both won by England; in 1953 the South African tourists won 4-0.

The star of that Springbok side was centre-forward Leslie Salton, who is a member of the present touring party. Walter Warren, who scored two goals in the 1954 victory, may also be in the side.

Battling for the Britannia Shield

ATHLETES from the armed forces of six countries will be meeting next week to take part in the Britannia Shield competition.

First held in 1946, the competition commemorates the spirit of comradeship between the Allied Nations at the time of the Battle of Britain. The shield is made of oak salvaged from London's bombed Guildhall, and was designed by Allied airmen.

Teams from Belgium, Norway, Canada, the Netherlands, the United States Air Force in Britain, and the R.A.F. will be taking part in the four events, which begin on Monday. These are fencing, at the R.A.F. Station, Uxbridge; shooting, at Bisley;

swimming at Watford, Hertfordshire; and boxing at the R.A.F. camp at Stanmore Park, Middlesex. The finals of the boxing events will be held at the Empire Pool, Wembley, on Wednesday, October 29. Except for the boxing semi-finals and finals, admission is free.

Profits from the competition go to a fund for educating the sons and daughters of deceased or disabled R.A.F. men.

Yachting on land

Four land yachts, made locally, prepare to race down the runway at Great Gransden airfield, Huntingdonshire. Speeds of up to 50 miles an hour have been attained and in almost complete silence.

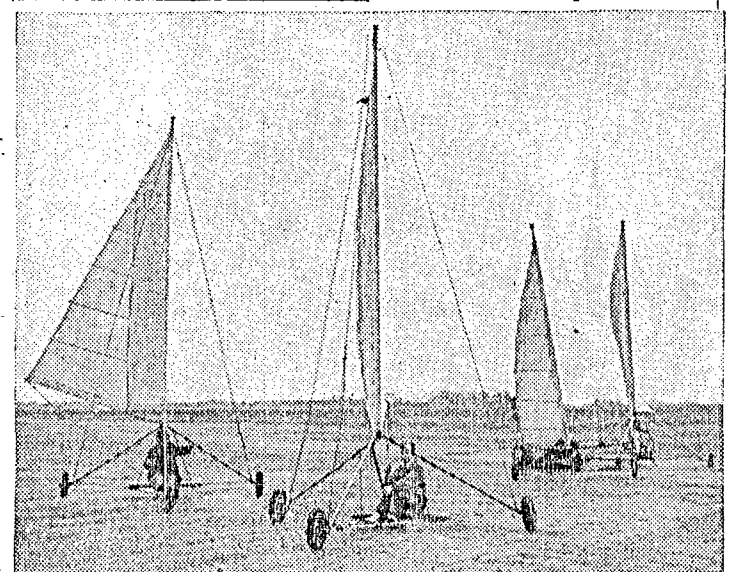


Stan Vickers limbers up for walking—by hurdling.

SPORTS QUIZ

1. What is the highest transfer fee ever paid for a British footballer?
2. What is the World Series?
3. Do you know the nickname of G. O. Allen, former Middlesex and England captain, now chairman of the Test Selection Committee?
4. Can you name the soccer club composed of former London University students?
5. How many golf courses has Finland?
6. Which country at present holds the Davis Cup?

1. £65,000, paid by the Italian club Juventus for John Charles. 2. The title of the American baseball championships. 3. Gubby. 4. Ulysses F.C. 5. Only one. 6. Australia.



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